

Remarks

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action of August 17, 2001, imposed a restriction between:

- I. Claims 1-27, draw to an electrostatic combdrive, classified in class 359, subclass 838+; and
- II. Claims 28-30, drawn to a method for making an electrostatic combdrive, classified in class 359, subclass 838+.

Applicants hereby elect claims 1-27 of Group I without traverse. Claim 28-30 have been canceled. Applicants hereby explicitly reserve the rights to pursue the canceled claims in a divisional application.

Election of Species

The Office Action further imposed an election of species between:

- a. electrostatic drive as shown in fig. 1;
- b. electrostatic drive as shown in fig. 3;
- c. electrostatic drive as shown in fig. 6;
- d. electrostatic drive as shown in fig. 7; and
- e. electrostatic drive as shown in fig. 8.

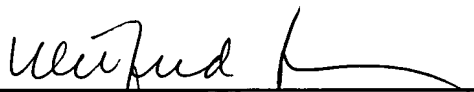
Applicant elects species "b" as shown in Fig. 3 for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claims is finally held to be allowable.

At least claims 1-12 and claims 21-23 are readable on the elected species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (Order No. 9840-0055-999). This form is submitted in duplicate for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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